

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of the Claims

Claims 2, 3, 24-33 and 37 are cancelled, claims 1, 4-15, 34-36 and 38-53 have been withdrawn, claims 16-23 are elected with traverse as noted below, and a new claim 54, which depends from elected independent claim 16, has been added.

Claim Amendments

Independent claims 16 and 34 have been amended to recite features corresponding to those recited in independent claim 1, i.e., destroying a decryption key only after the next decryption key is received.

Election/Restriction

In paragraph 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner alleges that the claims are directed to four distinct inventions defined by: a) claims 1, 4-14, 45, 46, 15, 38, 39 and 49-51; b) claims 16-23; c) claims 34 and 47; and d) claims 35, 36, 48, 40-43, 52 and 53, respectively.

In response, Applicant elects claims 16-23 and new claim 54 with traverse.

Independent claims 16 and 34 have been amended to recite that a decryption key for an encrypted section of data is destroyed at the customer processing platform only after the decryption key for the next encrypted section of data is received, such that at any time the customer processing platform has simultaneous possession of at most a subset of all of the decryption keys for the encrypted data. Applicant respectfully submits that currently amended independent claims 16 and 34, and their dependent claims, clearly possess unity with the other independent claims, and their dependent claims, as each of the independent claims recite corresponding novel and inventive features. That is, each of the independent claims recites the common feature that a decryption key is only destroyed after the next decryption key is received, such that at no time

does the customer have simultaneous possession of all of the decryption keys for a plurality of sections of encrypted data content.

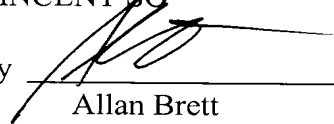
Applicant notes that new claim 54 is dependent on currently amended claim 16 and recites that destroying the decryption key only after at least a decryption key in respect of the next encrypted section has been received comprises destroying the decryption key only after completing playback of the encrypted section and beginning playback of the next encrypted section, as previously recited in independent claim 16 before the current amendments. Applicant further notes that a similar feature is recited in dependent claims 6, 44, 47, 48, 49 and 52.

Early favorable consideration of this application is earnestly solicited. In the event that the Examiner has concerns regarding the present response the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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